

# JOIN

## THE

## S.C.

## ADVOCATES

## FOR

## WOMEN

## ON

## BOARDS

## AND

## COMMISSIONS

*-to meet*

*South Carolina's  
leadership needs...*

### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

#### S.C. ADVOCATES FOR WOMEN ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Altrusa International, Inc. of Anderson  
American Association of University Women,  
Greenville Branch

American Association of University Women, S.C.  
Anderson Advocates for Women  
on Boards and Commissions

Central Midlands Advocates for Women  
on Boards and Commissions

Columbia College Alumnae Association  
Columbia Medical Society Auxiliary

Delta Sigma Theta, Columbia Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta, Greenwood Alumnae Chapter  
General Federation of Women's Clubs of S. C.

Greenville Advocates for Women  
on Boards and Commissions

Junior League of Anderson

Junior League of Charleston

Junior League of Columbia

Leadership Institute of Columbia College

League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area

League of Women Voters of Spartanburg

Links, Inc. Charleston Chapter

National Association of Social Workers, S.C. Chapter

National Council of Negro Women, Columbia Section

Palmetto State Teachers Association

Sierra Club, S.C. Chapter

S.C. AARP

S.C. Business and Professional Women's Clubs

S.C. Commission on Women

S.C. Education Association - Retired

S.C. Association for Family and Consumer Sciences

S.C. Medical Association Alliance

S.C. Network for Women Administrators in Education

S.C. Nurses' Association

S.C. Women in Higher Education

S.C. Women Lawyers Association

Spartanburg Women's Political Caucus

The S.C. Education Association

Tri-County Advocates for Women

on Boards and Commissions

USC System Professional Women on Campus

York Co. Advocates for Women

on Boards and Commissions

YWCA of Greater Charleston

YWCA of Greenville

YWCA of the Midlands

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands

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Make check to: S.C. Advocates for Women on B&C

Mail with this form to: Barbara W. Moxon, Chair

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Individual dues of \$10 enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Dues, \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Half dues- Jan. 1 - April 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ Congr. Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in being a part of a local Advocates Network.

Please send me: # \_\_\_\_\_ "Women Needed" brochure(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ "How to Get Elected to a State Position Voted  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Membership brochure(s) on by the Entire General Assembly" brochure  
# \_\_\_\_\_ "Profiles of Select State Boards & Commissions" - booklet, \$2.00 (incl. P&H)

Send information on the Advocates to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address



## WHY S.C. ADVOCATES FOR WOMEN ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS?

Believing women were under represented on public boards, the S.C. American Association of University Women (AAUW) in 1989 began a project to change the situation. Subsequent research showed that many significant boards and commissions whose decisions greatly impacted women and children had no women, or only one.

AAUW believed that the operation of our state agencies and institutions would be improved if the abilities, experience and insights of women (over half of S.C.'s population) were better utilized.

An AAUW Task Force directed the project until 1991 when the groups supporting the project agreed there was sufficient interest and more potential for change if an independent organization was formed. Thus the S.C. Advocates for Women on Boards and Commissions was born.

## WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

Simply put, to increase the number of women appointed/elected to judgeships, to public boards and commissions at local and state levels, and as heads of state government departments. This must be done by:

1) Promoting the appointment/election of women by the Governor, members of the General Assembly, and by local government officials.

2) Raising the consciousness of women across the state to the opportunities to serve and how to seek appointment or election.

## WHO DIRECTS THE S.C. ADVOCATES?

A Board of Directors, composed of representatives from member organizations which choose to name one, plus elected individual members, directs the Advocates' activities.

## WHAT DO THE S.C. ADVOCATES DO?

To fulfill our mission, we do the following:

- research and monitor the appointments/elections of women,
- target boards and commissions which need women most, and monitor potential vacancies,
- recruit candidates for vacancies/expiring positions,
- maintain contact with Governor and/or his staff,
- write regularly to all state legislators regarding the need for women, and upcoming positions to be filled.
- hold news conferences on our findings and send news releases and editorials to newspapers,
- publish a periodic newsletter for our members,
- make speeches to groups, and write articles for various newsletters,
- publish and distribute informative brochures,
- work with legislators to introduce/promote bills to help advance our mission,
- seek out organizations which might share our mission and would recruit women candidates,
- organize local networks of the Advocates, presently in:

Anderson  
Central Midlands  
Greenville

Tri-Co. (Charleston,  
Berkeley, Dorchester)  
York Co.

**The S.C. Advocates is a nonpartisan organization, and while it recruits candidates, it does not endorse them.**

## IS THERE A SPEAKERS' BUREAU?

Yes. Speakers are available to organizations in most parts of South Carolina. Topics they can cover include the need for women, methods of appointment and how to seek one, as well as upcoming positions available.

To request a speaker, call Linda Bilanchone, Speakers' Bureau Chair, at 803-583-1983:

## WHO MAY JOIN?

Membership is open to all organizations and individuals who support the mission of the Advocates. (See back for list of group members)

Individual dues are \$10.00  
Organization dues are \$35.00

Our fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. Those joining between Jan. 1 and April 30 pay half dues. Dues paid after May 1 apply to the next fiscal year.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Newsletter with information about positions available on key boards and commissions, regional conferences and related legislation.
- Networking with women leaders in the state.
- Periodic conferences/meetings at the state and/or local levels.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are helping advance women and improve our state.

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE S.C. ADVOCATES

Brochure: "Women Needed on Public Boards and Commissions - Guidelines to Getting Appointed"\*

Brochure: "How to Get Elected to a State Position Voted on by the Entire General Assembly"\*

Membership Brochure\*

Booklet: "Profiles of Select State Boards and Commissions" \$2.00

\* No charge. For copies or further information, contact Barbara Moxon, Chair, (803) 787-2786, or order on attached form.